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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR

PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF

THE SUPPORT ELEMENT

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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November 23, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Official Action mailed August 2, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 0705), the period for response having been extended by one (1) month until December 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Deposit account authorization for extension of time and RCE fees have been separately provided.

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